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- ☒ 2. One or more reference cited herein was cited in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the European Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. See References 2 - 7.
- ☒ 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached hereto. See Reference 5.

- ☒ 5. Reference 1 is in the same patent family as reference 4.
- ☒ 6. Reference JP A 61-191510, which was cited in the European Search Report, was disclosed in an Information Disclosure Statement filed June 16, 2006.

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